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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: COLON CONTAINER PORT

REF: PANAMA'S A-203, 10/29 AND STATE 269733

1. FOLLOWING CLARIFICATION OF STATUS THIS PROJECT OBTAINED FROM
ARNOLDO CANO, DIRECTOR OF PANAMA PORT AUTHORITY.

2. WHILE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA (GOP) HAD EARLIER HOPED FOR IDB
OR IBRD LOAN FOR OVERALL PROJECT, IT DOES NOT NOW ANTICIPATE
REQUESTING SUCH FINANCING. GOP HAS REQUESTED FOREIGN CONTRACTORS
SUBMIT TURNKEY PROJECT PROPOSALS--INCLUDING FINANCING. IT
HOPES FINANCING WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM GOVERNMENT EXPORT
CREDIT AGENCY OF PROPONENTS' RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. SUCH
PROPOSALS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION OR PREPARATION BY THREE FIRMS
(FROM BELGIUM, CANADA AND FRANCE) FOR PRESENTATION EARLY 1975.
ONE OR MORE OF PROPOSALS ARE EXPECTED INCLUDE ENGINEERING DESIGN
AND CONSULTING SERVICES. FAILING THIS GOP WOULD TAP IDB-
FURNISHED PRE-INVESTMENT FUND FOR THESE SERVICES. IN LATTER
EVENT, SELECTION OF ENGINEERING FIRM WOULD BE BY OPEN BIDDING.
ACCORDING PRESENT THINKING ENTIRE PROJECT THUS COULD BE
AWARDED BY MEANS OF INFORMAL BIDDING OR BY COMBINATION OPEN
BIDDING ON ENGINEERING PORTION, WITH CONSTRUCTION PORTION
AWARDED INFORMALLY.

3. PROJECT TIMING REMAINS AS REPORTED REPAIR, BUT MORE RECENT
COST ESTIMATE OF FIRST STAGE IS \$30 MILLION. CANO SAID PROJECT
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SCOPE BEING CUT TO REDUCE COST BY \$5 TO \$10 MILLION. DESIGN

IS TO PROVIDE FOR LATER EXPANSION AS REGIONAL CARGO STORAGE AND
TRANSFER FACILITY AT COST OF ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION.

4. CANO WAS ADVISED OF INTEREST EXPRESSED BY RAYMOND TECHNICAL
SERVICES, AND HE WELCOMED AN APPROACH ON PROJECT FROM THEM.

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